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State of South Dakota Office of the Secretary of State State Board of Elections 500 East Capital Avenue Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070 RECEIVED

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SD Secretary of State

Re: Written Testimony for the Consideration of the Board

Dear Madam Secretary and distinguished members of the board,

I am writing to you today because I am not able to travel on June 28 to participate in-person at the meeting where the following rules will be reviewed, discussed and acted upon.

In lieu of appearing in person please consider accepting these comments on my behave:

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5:02:04:18	I support the changes authored by Kathy Glines on behalf of an auditor's workgroup and made available to the auditors for review and endorsement on June 15, 2023.
5:02:09:01.01	I again support the changes suggested by Kathy Glines in the letter she sent on June 15, 2023.
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5:02:10:09	I again support the changes suggested by Kathy Glines in her June 15, 2023 letter. Additionally, I would like to offer that in my county the facilities do not have room or staff to make the process as private as it is written. The residents are brought to a common area and they are given their ballots and then provided a table from which to work but unfortunately, if they ask for assistance, not enough privacy is afforded to them to because the staff brings them as a group. Granted, most of them can not hear very well but some do.
5:02:21:01	I again support the changes suggested by Kathy Glines in her June 15, 2023 letter. Additionally, I whole heartedly agreed that a mail in cancellation needs more

mechanisms in place to ensure the identity of the person producing the cancellation. I also believe a phone number and photograph or photocopy of the identification should be offered.

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I again support the changes suggested by Kathy Glines in her June 15, 2023 letter. Additionally, I believe the highlighted language in section one (1) will cause delays in locating who or who does not fit in the category of "adversarial actors". I may also confuse staff as to whether or not they are "experienced" enough to "operate and maintain the rules and underlying...operates."

It is unclear if this is an expectation placed on the vendor or the election officials or both.

In closing, please accept my written offering as testimony in the same manner as if I appeared in person. Should you wish to contact me, my office number is 605-853-2182.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Doug DeBoer - Auditor